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STRATEGIES FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL

Poverty is more vicious than we think. It has indisputably been one of the leading forces stunting economic and social developments. In 2015, when the United Nations committed to the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, they said, "eradicating poverty in all its forms and dimensions is the greatest global challenge and an indispensable requirement for sustainable development"

Below are some of the strategies that can help eradicate poverty to achieve sustainable development for all:

- Education: Education has been said to be a way of escaping poverty. It influences how you think and behave. It reduces economic inequalities because disparity between workers from the poor and rich backgrounds would reduce drastically since they received the same education.it creates more people who are ready for the workforce, more workers in a country automatically means fewer people will be unemployed. it is also beneficial to people's health throughout their life time, women who received education would know how to cook healthy meals for their families, they would have knowledge about vaccines, and fitness, people who are educated are better able to protect themselves and their families against diseases. Compulsorily, we need to ensure all our children are educated.

- Skills Development: Everyone has a talent or what he or she is good at, what people need is just to develop expertise to help earn a living. For example, a student of fine art can be an architect; there are people that can fix electrical appliances so they can just venture into electrical works through expertise.

- Government Intervention: The government should focus on the manufacturing sector. The agricultural sector should be reformed. Studies have shown that three quarters of the poor are farmers. Farmers should be provided with infrastructures and they should be given loans. If this sector is developed successfully, its benefits on the economy is going to be huge in the sense that, it would create employment opportunities, growth in national income, also, supplying foods and inputs to the industrial sector, generating foreign exchange and providing a domestic market for non-agricultural goods and services would contribute to the overall growth of the economy.

- Accountability in Governance: Corruption has a long history and this is obvious in Government, A procedural method of check-mating government activities and spending will go a long way in solving the problem of poverty in Nations. This means an efficient financial technology model should be introduced to curb corruption in Government when there is corruption in the land, a lot of things is set to go wrong.

- Equality: The poor should not be treated like the poor. Everyone should have an equal right to justice, social needs, home, food and shelter. Also, poverty alleviation related projects should be directly delivered to beneficiaries so that the rich would not become richer while the poor are getting poorer.

We propose this model solution of eradicating poverty because it is pivotal in a knowledge economy and mandatory for sustained development in all Nations.

Although, no single solution exists to addressing this menace that has immensely challenged the provision of better lifestyle in Nations, but we can help to bridge this gap by applying new approaches and strategies in supporting the people by means of support forum through education, social empowerment, provision of tools and resources for self-starters then encouraging and advising Government at all level on how to promote sustainable development in the society.

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Introduction:

GDPAS has been committed to poverty alleviation as the of name GDPAS includes "Poverty Alleviation" and the initial spirit of our organizing GDPAS has been based on poverty alleviation, mission, vision and objectives indicate main goal of Poverty Alleviation. In the southern coastal belt location, target locations are island type silted river bed area called Char, being lived by people 3 times more under the poverty line than other parts of Bangladesh, it means when 17% people are considered under poverty line in Bangladesh, in Char area it is almost 50%. So, malnutrition, child & pregnant mother mortality, illiteracy, lack of skill, child girls marriage, migration, sexual abuse, gender based violence is higher than other area of Bangladesh. So, strategies for poverty alleviation based on integrated approach rather than any specific intervention such as to reach the goal of sustainable income generation for poverty alleviation, we must take account having them being organized, motivated in groups followed by group ability for members' savings, much mobilized in human development motivation, practical accounting perception generation, group based educational support to members, human development training mainly rights, awareness of equal gender rights, safe water, healthy sanitation, Hygiene, primary healthcare, proper nutritional knowledge, immunization, child education, prevention of violence against women, awareness stop forced child girls marriage and finally professional skill development leads to sustainable poverty reduction or poverty alleviation successfully preferable support services, small loan or micro credit, market promotion. Some major prerequisites are there to ensure poverty alleviation as a integrated result, because studies and experiences reveals that jump to micro credit support with minimum skills or no professional skills for income generation expecting reduction of poverty can only be impacted to poor beneficiaries to be loaded with much loan which on contrary increase their poverty as well as miseries and finally are seen to uprooted or migrated to lead the most miserable lives. So, the objectives of our work for poverty alleviation clearly emphasized how sustainable poverty alleviation can be ensured.

Objectives of the statement:

a) To organize the target vulnerable people living under the poverty line, in groups, to start disciplined group actions such as conducting weekly meeting, savings operation to form personal capital, discussing various topics like identifying reasons of poverty as well as various issues contribute to their poverty and miseries as well as identifying how to mitigate such sufferings being caused due to poverty and lack of awareness.

b) To Conduct of Group level orientations/training/educational sessions on accounting, some alphabetical or numerical concepts, realization of group strength which ultimately leads to sustainable poverty reduction. To aware them their rights, claiming that on group base, mobilize preservation of rights and participation of equal gender base decision making process at family and social level.

c) To explore various locally viable or local market based income prospects can be addressed by the group members, identification of abilities or interest of group individual members, need of more skill and operation of specific skill or capacity building training exploiting local resources, local market potential to the members, so that their professionalism can be developed which ultimately inspire them and lead them to advance with confidence and capabilities for their sustainable poverty reduction process holding the group strength and unity as a base to tackle the challenge being encountered and ensure the sustainable development process.

d) To enable them or the groups to add more support with their capital already formed from the savings, from support services if available as well as from micro credit program after clear orientation to each member how to handle and refunding the loan which may ultimately be increased as they walk to successful income generation process for their sustainable development for poverty alleviation.

e) To ensure proper monitoring, evaluation and follow up process by the groups as well as concerned NGOs so that sustainable income generation securing process can be adhered with or be ensured.

Purpose of the statement:

The purpose of the statement to ensure Sustainable Development Eradication of Poverty of the target vulnerable groups of people mostly very poor or living under the poverty line. Here sustainable development refers that target people are so skilled, capable, aware and concerned to encounter the challenges with their own abilities, initiatives, unity, planning that they eradicate their poverty by themselves which sharply go straight to change them to improved standard of living, health education, dignity, rights and motivation in family or social context and NGOs can play role of a catalyst to sustainable development.

Overview of the issue as it relates to the work of the NGO:

As GDPAS name refers, we have been contributing best of our services for poverty alleviation to achieve sustainable development goal, as UNO as well as Bangladesh is committed to achieve the sustainable development goal by the year 2030 and to the context of Bangladesh, as far NGOs like GDPAS are concerned of reaching that goal, we will reach our target and it also is proved by the recent poverty alleviation statics as it goes down rapidly in recent years and now only 17% people are considered live under poverty line and Bangladesh Government & NGOs are determined to reduce poverty line to % as well as economic GDP growth by Bangladesh that Bangladesh will become middle income country by 2021 and developed country by 2041 and GDP growth now has touched 57 points. GDPAS has been operating in the coastal belt CHAR region where people live under poverty line 3 times more than other areas of Bangladesh. GDPAS has wide range of expertise especially the intervention to vulnerable women and children with special priority and GDPAS has been successful to that level extraordinarily in vulnerable child education, women empowerment, prevention of domestic violence against women, sustainable income generation, WASH, prevention of child marriage, skill development, livelihood development, primary healthcare, tree plantation, waste management, grant program for disadvantaged pregnant women etc. and as a result people mainly women are empowered, child education flourished, sustainable livelihood development for poverty alleviation.

Examples of accomplishments:

a) GDPAS has great accomplishment of poverty reduction of vulnerable families by empowering the venerable rural and Char women, in the project vulnerable group development (women), for rural vulnerable women, has been operating still in 4 terms (2 years each term) financial supported by Bangladesh Government Women Affairs Directorate, GDPAS has been operating in joint collaboration, the project mainly targeted for savings operation, skill development, financial support services to trained women to enable them to generate sustainable income and so far we have successful to bring 12,000 approx. poor families out of poverty line by empowering 12,000 women, thus this wonderful project, empowered women, ushered women leadership at grassroots level, alleviated or reduced poverty.

b) Livelihood development by sustainable food production: GDPAS has been operating with the funding support from Bangladesh Government Ministry of Agriculture from 2000 to date, which facilitate more than 35,000 rural poor and marginalized farmers from 35,000 families to get sustainable irrigation support as their crop production multiplied in several folds, and these families have come out of poverty.

Remaining challenges:

GDPAS has been committed to participate with United Nations and Bangladesh Government to achieve sustainable development goal by the year 2030 and it is biggest challenge to GDPAS at the present to reach that goal so that Bangladesh can claim that we have reached that goal and to get to that goal we need more funding support, so getting potential funding support to meet this challenge itself one other challenge we have been striving to.

GDPAS expectation to United Nations, ECOSOC and other bodies of United Nations is to generate more funding support to GDPAS for Eradication of Poverty to achieve Sustainable Development for all.

GDPAS is committed to poverty alleviation from the inception and our next step to that lead our target mass to sustainable development so that the poverty alleviation can be result and every moment we have been spending to have a dream to make Bangladesh free of poverty as well as join our efforts for poverty alleviation in the entire world as well.

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Priority theme: "Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all"

We take this opportunity to share our vision regarding roots and joint efforts with our associated partners "Fighting Poverty through Improved Environment" pilot project a fresh start for community social development.

Moldova remains one of the poorest countries in Europe faced with challenges in sustaining the progress. The jobs diagnostic explores the main labor demand and supply challenges in Moldova in more detail, while the analysis of structural transformation focuses on the agricultural sector and whether it can become a driver of progress. Country vulnerability on this aspect arises in particular from the socio-economic importance of agriculture, given that half of the population resides in rural areas and about a third of the workforce is engaged in agriculture. The hardship has been caused by high dependence on imported energy, outdated agricultural services, soil degradation, poverty and low living standards. Addressing these challenges finally is critical for sustainable growth, poverty reduction, and shared prosperity in coming years.

The effective protection, design and management of local, including human, resources, particularly in disadvantaged communities is critical preconditions for poverty reduction and the fulfilment of human rights in rural areas. They needed for transparent assessing the current development situation, setting objectives and targets for the future and measuring progress and development. Community resources date's integration could dramatically change resources transparency-accountability flexibility in facing complex and multiple stress situations that blur the boundaries between relief and development. Putting online local resources potential and an effective tool for fostering and identifying innovative development solutions to produce development outcomes more effectively and resource planning system is key challenges to create a community thriving, verdant, secure for all and improve human life.

Experience has shown that the combined effort of collection care, facility management, and administrative staff committed to achieving an optimal storage climate is the best approach. Based on communication framework the seven "Local Public Administrations" where lives of habitants in the area is difficult represented its interest to join our sustainable development initiative. In identifying potential projects, the interconnected healthy environment and economic prosperity level of the beneficiaries was our prime consideration. Our volunteers were required to visit the beneficiaries to understand their situation and needs. Recognizing the interdependence between economic growth, poverty reduction and sustainable development, the choices we make in our work is to inspire innovative, scalable, proof-of-concept solutions to address most urgent challenge;

i. To make our communities safer, more resilient and sustainable

ii. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

iii. To take urgent practical action to combat climate change and its impacts.

iv. Enhance Consumer Lifestyle for future generations

As part of the contractual agreements with Local public administrations, we provide to establish measures and incentives whereby, profits from the more advantageous activities to re-invested in the Infrastructure and Social and Environmental Programs that combining business success with social equity, to provide sustainable community development. The core idea is to compel a "new functionalism" whereby driven decisions on agricultural and energy resources rational management, webpage design, scheduling, underwriting and so forth are made not only by "LPA" team" but by a specialised unit of technical analysts. Visualisation techniques in particular will help to bridge the gap between technical experts and general managers. Data will be treated as workflow network infrastructure and managed accordingly. The long term, intervention strategy is to check the community resources potential available and catalyse innovative approaches through data-driven decision tool to further develop these ideas towards scaling.

The proposed Community data driven decision tool will lead to foster rural community development strategies that to engage Local Public Administrations to disclose and address the impacts brought about by demographic change to improve of a situation in terms of social and economic benefits.

Central to this approach is rural youth access to education, its quality and Social inclusion which is a central notion of the 2030 Agenda, whose effective implementation is among the key priorities for the EU. On those circumstances as sites exploration for project development where identified Chetrosu, Drochia district in the Northern part and Purcari, Stefan Voda district in Southern part of the country. The project major aim is to facilitate and reinforce vulnerable youths' social orientation, participation, and cohesion through learning and though practical onsite solutions to generate on impetus that can be harnessed by others. Developed to be demonstrational and transformational in character and impact project outcomes seeks to deliver social benefits to low-income of marginalized people while generating at early stage of development a financial return. The key priority includes such areas as cleaner production activities, innovation technologies, renewable energy, sustainable consumption and pressing challenges as poverty. Quantifying the social, economic and environmental advantages that project will deliver co-benefits transferred to local communities — from training to job creation, fuel savings to time-saving's, infrastructure development to resources moderate consumption and ecosystem conservation.

Actually, we have limited our pilot to vulnerable youths because of the preponderance of unemployment rate and demographic changes in our communities. If the pilot proves successful, we provide to include in our program elderly homeless people. Finally, the premise that project provide to work on two levels — in the short term for recovering infrastructure financial outlays and the longer term for creating social, economic and ecologic impact. First level: exploring the world best innovative solutions and modern non-pollutant modern technologies upon logical comparative work and proved calculations, we choose the most convenient infrastructure interconnected key elements crucial for "Village of the Future" autonomy. Second level: in order to justify project efficiency and cost we plan at this level through Simulation Modelling to run, build and watch societal changes with custom paths. We are committed fully to play our role in this integrate collective effort with our associated partners and look forward to working with partners from other countries, civil society and other stakeholders around the world towards a fairer and better society.